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SUBJECT: GOJ REQUEST FOR STATISTICS ON U.S. IMPORTS
AFFECTED BY GSP

REFS: (A) TOKYO 18031, (B) STATE A-7142-11/24/75

1. ITEM BY ITEM LISTING OF U.S. IMPORTS FROM WORLD AND
BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (BDC'S) ON BOTH GROSS
AND NET OF COMPETITIVE NEED EXCLUSIONS BASES, ORIGINALLY
PREPARED BY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE, NOT
UPDATED TO CURRENT LIST OF ITEMS OR COUNTRIES. CURRENT
WORK LOADS AND COST PRECLUDE PREPARING NEW RUNS.
DEPARTMENT FOCUSED ON COUNTRY BY COUNTRY LISTINGS
EXTRACTED FROM TAPES INCLUDING BDC DATA ONLY. NO
DATA READILY AVAILABLE FOR IMPORTS FROM JAPAN ON GSP
ITEMS ONLY.

2. AT BEST WE CAN PROVIDE MITI WITH PRINTED LISTING OF
U.S. IMPORTS FROM JAPAN IN 1974 BY TSUS ITEM (5-DIGIT)
INCLUDING JAPANESE SHARE OF MARKET. DUE TO STRUCTURE
OF DATA BASE, LIST WOULD BE IN RANDOM NUMERICAL ORDER.
HOWEVER, MITI COULD REDUCE THIS TO GSP ITEMS ONLY BY
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COMPARISON WITH GSP LISTS SUPPLIED TO YOU IN REF. B.

DIFFICULTIES WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED FOR THOSE ITEMS CONVERTED
FROM 7-DIGIT TO NEW 5-DIGIT AS DATA NOT ON 7-DIGIT BASIS.

3. REFTEL A, ITEM B NOT AVAILABLE AND TOO COSTLY TO
PREPARE AT THIS TIME.

4. REFTEL A, ITEM C. 1974 IMPORTS IN GSP ITEMS:

TOTAL FROM WORLD	23.6 BILLION DOLLARS
FROM BDC'S	6.3 BILLION DOLLARS
COMP. NEED EXCL.	3.7 BILLION DOLLARS
NET FROM BDC'S	2.6 BILLION DOLLARS

5. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO REMIND MITI THAT COMPUTER TAPE
OF U.S. IMPORTS TO US BY COUNTRY AVAILABLE FROM CENSUS
AT COST OF 850 DOLLARS PLUS BLANK TAPES. WHILE TAPE
CONTAINS MANY EXTRANEOUS RECORDS, SUCH AS IMPORTS
BY PORT OF ENTRY, MITI COULD PREPARE LIST OF IMPORTS
FROM JAPAN OF GSP ITEMS AND COMPUTE TRADE FROM BDC'S
WITH WHOM JAPAN WILL HAVE TO COMPETE ON DUTY FREE BASIS.
TAPE ALSO INCLUDES CALCULATED DUTIES BY ITEM.

6. EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO ADVISE MITI THAT USG MUST
REVIEW GSP LIST BY MARCH USING 1975 DATA. COMPETITIVE
NEED EXCLUSIONS COULD CHANGE AS WELL AS EXCLUSION OR
INCLUSION OF SOME ITEMS. WE WILL PREPARE NEW LISTINGS
THEN AND COULD SUPPLY COPIES TO MITI. KISSINGER

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